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The Honorable Kenneth L. Adelman
Director, United States Arms Control
and Disarmament Agency
Washington, D.C. 20451

Dear Ken:

Bill Casey has given me your letter concerning reinitiation of the non-reimbursable rotational assignment of Directorate of Intelligence officers to ACDA.

This program, initiated two years ago, grows out of my concern that rising senior managers in CIA need exposure to the way policy agencies do their business in order to provide those agencies better intelligence support. Because I see this as an important experience for those who will manage our research and analysis program, in arranging these assignments the Directorate of Intelligence provides both the slot and the funding. Key to the program, however, is insuring that the individuals involved, our very best people (normally at the GS-15 level), are assigned to a position on the policy side of the host agency where their substantive expertise can be used but also where they can become familiar with the policy process. [redacted] our in the Strategic Programs Bureau last year, for example, provided him extensive and useful insight into the arms control policy development and negotiating process.

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Given the nature of the program, I am concerned that a rotational assignment to the Verification Division of the Bureau of Verification and Intelligence would not adequately fulfill the purpose of this program inasmuch as it would seem to involve the DDI officer in departmental intelligence functions.

Perhaps with more information about the assignment under consideration or perhaps identification of an alternative assignment in another ACDA Bureau we might be able to provide a candidate for your consideration.



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I very much appreciate your interest in this program and believe that it serves the long term interests of both CIA and the host agencies, which now include several bureaus at State, the NSC Staff, several elements of the Department of Defense, Treasury and Commerce, OSTP, and even the Federal Reserve. We have provided people to ACDA before and look forward to doing so again.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

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